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Hi Paula,

We have US Steel's comments on the draft permit, and the UAA. We also have the data to calculate the mass of sulfate removed by the SCRS, and the USGS data. The other spreadsheet you attached looks like the data collected by 1854 Treaty authority under contract with US Steel, and published in their annual reports through 2013 which someone has been working with – is that correct? FYI the 2014 report has been released recently.

FYI we're still expecting MPCA to public notice a draft permit this Friday the 13th.

Thank you for sharing the information,
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Hi, Krista, Kevin:

WaterLegacy recently obtained access to documents from the MPCA under the Minnesota Data Practices Act (DPA) providing U.S. Steel's response to the pre-publication draft NPDES/SDS permit for the Minntac tailings disposal facility and some data on the collection efficacy of the Minntac tailings basin SCRS. I've attached U.S. Steel's comments and related documents from December 2014. I've also attached spreadsheets which allow calculation of the effects of the SCRS system on sulfate concentrations and mass and a spreadsheet of USGS data from 1958-1961, which provides baseline information.

U.S. Steel's UAA for the Upper Dark River and Timber Creek was also included in documents provided to us by MPCA on an ftp site, but it is too large to send by email. The MPCA ftp site link is: ftp://files.pca.state.mn.us/pub/file_requests/ Please choose the folder named "WL_Minntac."

Under Minnesota law, since all of these documents received by WaterLegacy under the DPA are public documents, we have no reservations about providing copies to EPA or to other parties.

It would be helpful for us to know if you had already received copies of these materials pertaining to the Minntac tailings basin.

Best regards,

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